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Dear Sir:

Examiner Hardy informed the Applicant's below-designated representative that the United States Patent and Trademark Office lost or misplaced all of the references in the above-identified patent application.

As requested by Examiner Hardy during a telephone conversation on October 23, 2003, enclosed are copies of all the prior art references previously provided as part of the Information Disclosure Statement mailed on November 19, 2001, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed on January 2, 2002, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed on March 7, 2002 and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed on November 26, 2002 in regard to the above-identified patent application.

For the Examiner's convenience, we are also submitting copies of the above-referenced Information Disclosure Statements and PTO Form 1449s. The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that was submitted on November 26, 2002, was submitted after receipt of an International Search Report in copending International Application No. PCT/US02/24748. A copy of that International Search Report is also enclosed for the Examiner's review.

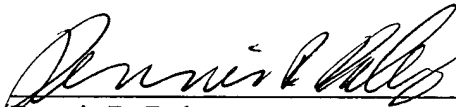
If the Examiner requires any further information, he is requested to contact the Applicant's below-designated representative.



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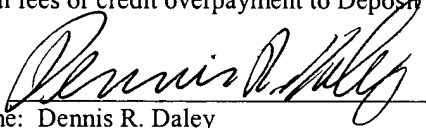
Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Communication, 73 References and a copy of an International Search Report
- ☒ Copies of Information Disclosure Statements and PTO Form 1449s
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Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the paper(s), as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on November 19, 2001.

By: Debra A. Bailey

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:



With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Four documents listed on the Form 1449 and provided, are in foreign languages. Accordingly English language abstracts of three of the documents are available and copies are provided. An English language abstract of JP 53 20487 has not been located.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

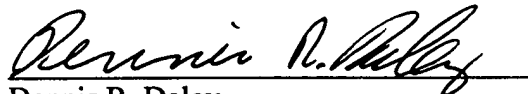
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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